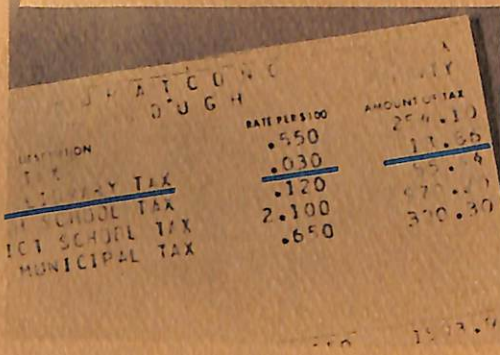




Friends Of The Library

While serving the community, the library also draws support from the community. Friends of the Library— active and dedicated volunteers— conduct fund-raising activities and help acquaint people with the new branches and their many features. You may wish to join a Friends of the Library group, and take part in this valuable service to your library and community.



It's A Bargain

"Only pennies a day" has always been a popular slogan. When applied to the Sussex County Library System, it is absolutely true. Despite all that is being done, a Sussex County property owner pays an average of just \$14 yearly for all services. For each \$100 of assessed valuation, the taxpayer is charged an average of only three mills (.003¢) to support the library.

The Sussex County Library System



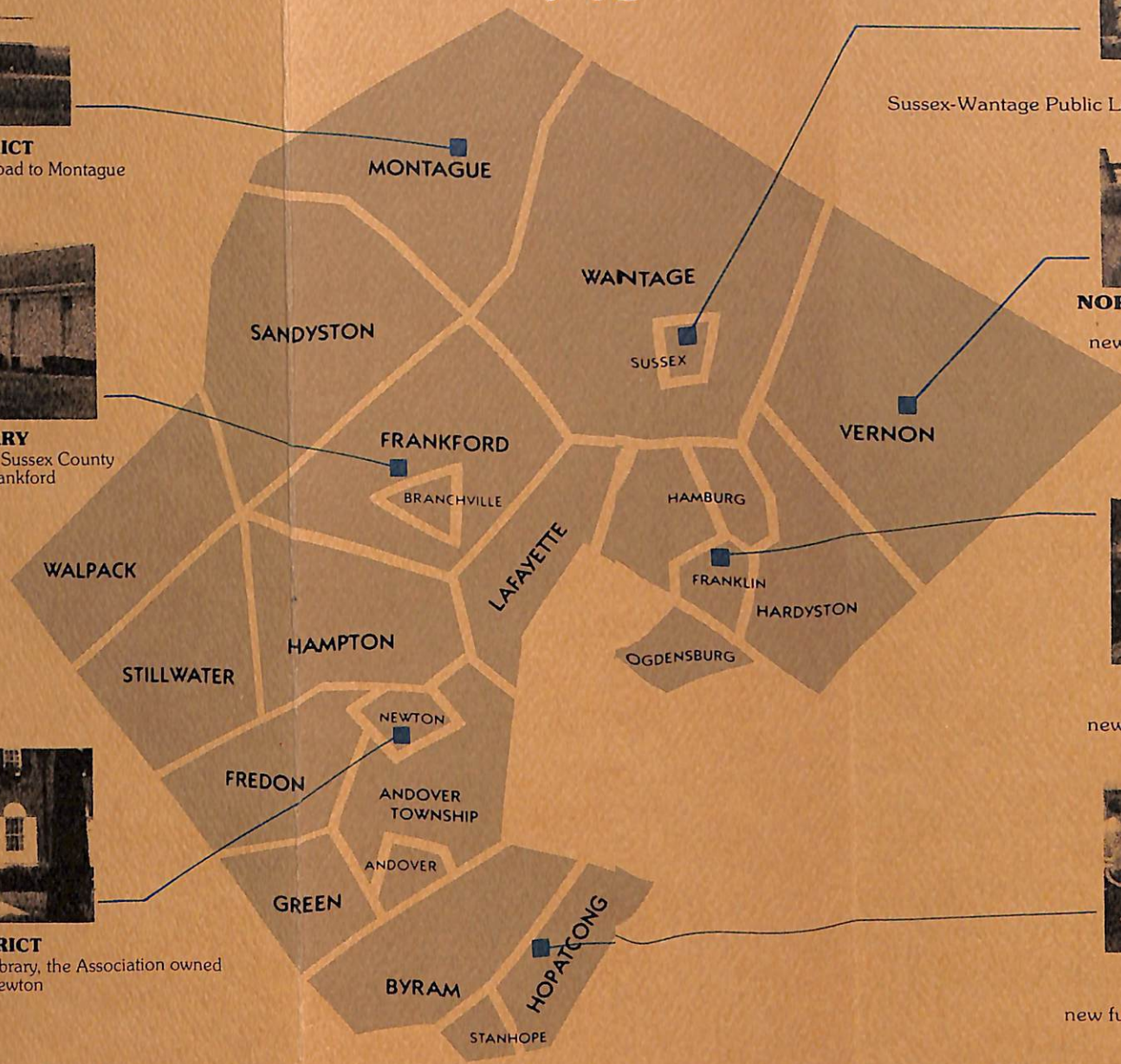
WESTERN DISTRICT
Bookmobile on the road to Montague



CENTRAL LIBRARY
Headquarters of the Sussex County Library System in Frankford



CENTRAL DISTRICT
Dennis Memorial Library, the Association owned Library branch in Newton



NORTHERN DISTRICT
Sussex-Wantage Public Library, the Association owned Library branch in Sussex



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT
Lounge seating at the new full-service branch in Vernon

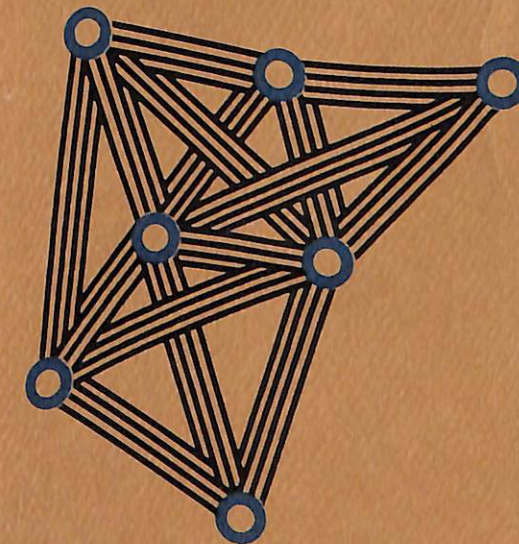


EASTERN DISTRICT
Checking out books at the new full-service branch in Franklin



SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Study carrels at the new full-service branch in Hopatcong

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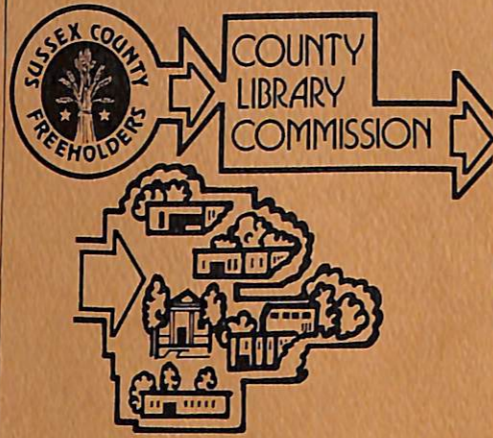
From Jazz To Napoleon

Today's library is an exciting place. Every aspect of the new Sussex County Library System reflects that excitement. The System provides the best in reading, as it always did, plus much more.

It offers everything from an exhilarating jazz concert to a King Tut exhibit, from a Laurel and Hardy movie to a quiet display of watercolors.

It is a magnet attracting young and old—a preschool child entranced by *Frog and Toad*, a high school student researching Napoleon's last battle, a chemist locating a technical article, and a senior citizen attending a lecture.

The Library System has been an important part of life in Sussex County for decades. The new full-service branches have special significance. Not only are they information centers, they are also cultural and community centers.



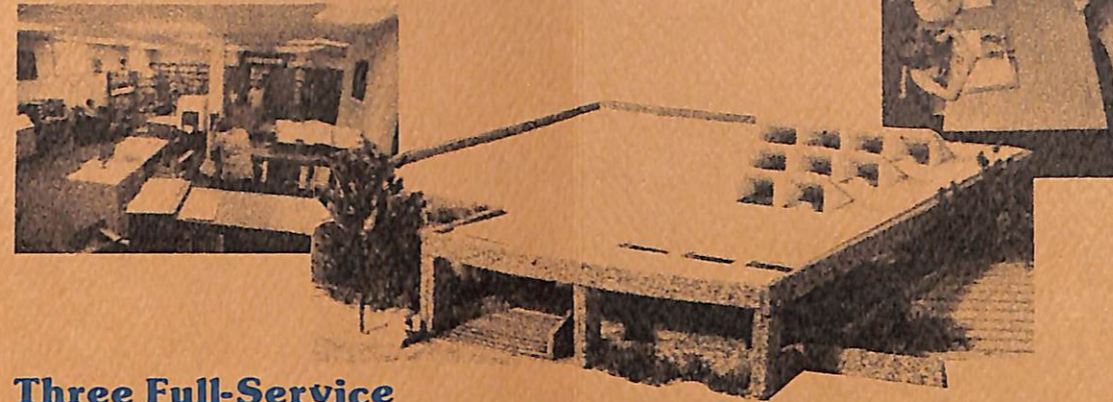
The Master Plan

Recent expansion of the Library System began after careful study. The Sussex County Library Commission, appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, drew up a *Library Master Plan*.

This plan, supported by the Freeholders, called for the phased development of branch libraries. Under the plan Sussex County was divided into six districts.

A three-phase plan of growth was established. Phase One created three new branches: (1) a new full-service branch in the Southern District (Hopatcong); (2) a new full-service branch in the Eastern District (Franklin); and (3) a new full-service branch in the Northeastern District (Vernon).

This phase is operational. Phases Two and Three suggest the need for satellite branches and for increased services in all districts.



Three Full-Service Branches

Vital to the growth and development of the Sussex County Library System are the three full-service branches called for in the *Master Plan*.

New buildings in the Southern and Northeastern Districts greatly expand the System's horizons.

These new buildings feature large community meeting rooms with separate outside access to accommodate a wide variety of functions such as shows, lectures, and demonstrations.

They have glassed-in conference rooms for small group activities or uninterrupted study.

Separate comfortable areas for adults contain lounge seating, table seating, and individual study carrels.

Areas set aside for children provide a place for reading clubs, craft fairs, drama workshops—even an origami festival.

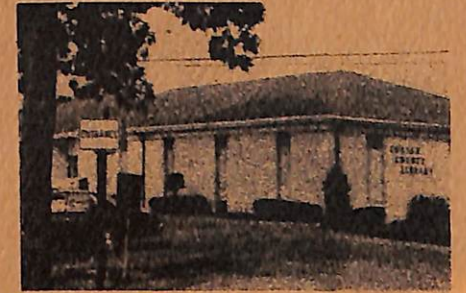
Each of the new full-service branches is a complete, modern facility, with a full-time professional librarian and assistants.

The branches offer a wide variety of print and nonprint materials: books, magazines, newspapers, art prints, and sculpture; in short, a much more complete branch collection than ever before.

In addition, there are sizable reference collections in each branch. No longer is it necessary to travel to the central library to do most research.

Other services are provided, too. Library users need to use many kinds of specialized sources, and the new branches enable them to do so, making use of interlibrary loans when needed items are not available in the Library System's collection.

Jointly financing the new branches, the Freeholder Board has committed general county funds to capital construction with the Library Commission assuming all costs of day-to-day operations.



The Central Library

Complete as the new branches are, they remain part of a system. The central library, the headquarters of the system, continues to do those things that can best be done centrally.

The central library has a complete specialized reference collection of over 5,000 volumes as well as microfiche that puts it in touch with the State Library in Trenton.

From the central library the book-mobile goes out to educational institutions and serves the general public. It is the central library, too, that provides films and projectors for borrowing.

The central library has specialists in many areas, such as children's, reference and adult services. They serve as consultants to schools, churches, and other agencies. Staff members also take care of technical services such as ordering, cataloging, and promotional work.